

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-3 (*Canceled*)

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) A hot stone therapy apparatus for applying hot stone therapy to a neck and shoulders of a person, comprising:

at least two segments of an elongated flexible member;; and

a plurality of stones connected in series to each other by the at lease two segments of the elongated flexible member to provide the hot stone therapy apparatus, said plurality of stones including two end stones, each of the end stones consisting of a unitary body having two adjacent blind holes defined therein, wherein the at least two segments of the elongated flexible member are secured within the two adjacent blind holes of each of the end stones, wherein the stones are capable of storing heat energy, whereby the distribution of the plurality of stones permit self-application of the stones about a ~~desired area of a person=s body~~ neck and shoulders of a person;

whereby the distribution of the plurality of stones permit self-application of the stones about a ~~desired area of a person=s body~~ neck and shoulders of the person;

wherein the at least two segments of the elongated flexible member is sufficiently stiff to keep the stones in place about the ~~desired area of a person=s body~~ neck and shoulders of the person; and the hot stone therapy apparatus consists of five stones, the two end stones adapted to

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rest against a chest region of the person, the other three stones adapted to rest on an upper back region of the person about the neck and shoulders;

whereby, the two end stones are not directly connected to each other and whereby, the person can walk about while wearing the shoulder hot stone therapy apparatus.

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 21 (*Canceled*)